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SUBJECT: ENERGY-OFFSHORE OIL DEVELOPMENTS

REF: TAIPEI 0382

1. VICE PRES. AND RESIDENT MANAGER OF AMOCO INFORMED
COMMATT ON APRIL 3 THAT RECENT CORE SAMPLES ARE HIGHLY
PROMISING.

2. AMOCO, IN CONSORTIUM WITH CONOCO AND CPC, IS CURRENTLY
DRILLING ABOUT 65 TO 70 MILES ALMOST DUE WEST OF
KAOHSIUNG. AT THIS DRILLING SITE, TRACES OF HYDRO-
CARBONS WERE FOUND AT 6,700 FEET. MORE RECENTLY VERY
ENCOURAGING HYDROCARBONS HAVE BEEN FOUND AT AROUND 10,600
FEET. TO DATE, 12 METERS IN DEPTH OF PROMISING HYDRO-
CARBONS, SANDS HAVE BEEN FOUND. AMOCO PLANS TO TEST
THE WELL WITHIN THE NEXT TWO TO THREE WEEKS. DRILLING
WILL CONTINUE TO A POSSIBLE DEPTH OF 13,000 FEET.

3. IT IS OF COURSE TOO EARLY TO PREDICT THAT WELL OR
FIELD WILL BE OF COMMERCIAL EXPLOITABILITY; HOWEVER,
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SEISMIC DATE INDICATES FIELD COULD BE EXTENSIVE.

DEPENDING ON WELL TESTS, AMOCO PLANS TO DRILL ANOTHER
FIVE OR SIX EXPLORATORY WELLS TO DETERMINE TRUE
SIZE OF FIELD.
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